

HAMPTON NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

History of the Venerable and Interesting Edifice.

BUILT MANY YEARS AGO

On the Site of a Church That Had Stood There Since 1160. The Parish Register and What It Tells. Substantially Built.

Among the many points of historic interest in or near Hampton none attracts so much interest or elicits such general admiration as Old St. John's church, the venerable edifice of worship. Further back in American history, even, this consecrated spot has been the site of the Church of England, far before the erection of the walls of the present structure, at least two church edifices had stood upon the spot on the north side of East Queen street where St. John's now stands.

To the stranger no spot is so full of charm as the quaint, old-fashioned relic of English rule. Amid the venerable where the "rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep," rises the venerable pile a monument to the piety of colonial Virginians. The enclosure is a block from the ancient borough of Hampton remaining in many respects much aged amid its surroundings of a busy, bustling, Nineteenth Century town.

The present church edifice was built in 1727, but churches had been located on the same site since 1660, and the worship of God according to the form of the Church of England or the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States has continued practically uninterrupted since 1660, when Jamestown, now a deserted village lone since fallen to decay, was at the zenith of its pristine pride, before Braddock fell near Fort Duquesne; and when the colony of Virginia was so renowned for its loyalty to the English crown as to elect the commendation of the second Charles church and state were inseparable.

Originally the old house of worship was known as the Church at Hampton, or more probably the Church at Kecoughton, the ancient name of the town, in the parish of Elizabeth City colony of Virginia. It continued thus to be known up to and even after the Revolution. Indeed, the records moved that the present church was rebuilt in 1727 and then for the first time called St. John's. During the existence of the present structure it has been desecrated, vandalized and partially destroyed three times, once in each of the three great wars in which this country has been involved, one of these wars it fell into the hands of foes who disregarded its sanctity.

The present structure erected, originally in 1727, like St. Paul's church in Norfolk, and other old colonial edifices, is built in the form of a Roman cross, the head or eastern end of which is the choir. It is entered by a double door from the two arms and the foot of the cross. The brick walls, which alone of the original edifice remain intact after the lapse of so many years, are models of substantial masonry that excite the admiration and the envy of more modern builders. The stonework, that the walls were constructed of brick imported from England is a common error, and a theory long since exploded. It probably originated from the fact that the church was erected together with the other old colonial churches, by the English government, for the English church was a part of the government. The bricks were made in moulds imported from the mother country and were known as English bricks, for this reason, those manufactured in this country being of larger size and less perfect. The masonry, too, was of a substantial and enduring quality, and is apparently as stable today as on the day the church was occupied. Aside from the walls, however, the church is not ancient in other respects. All the rest of it is of more recent construction, the destructible portions having three times yielded to the attacks of invaders.

In the war of the Revolution the church was destroyed; all save the walls. In 1818 it was again dismantled and burned, and again in the Civil war. During these foreign occupations of the town nothing appears to have been saved. All the older tombs and monuments in the old cemetery were chipped by relic hunters and vandals, and those that remain are of comparatively recent erection. Many stories are told by old residents of the vandalism of war times when nearly all the native population were refugees. One of these stories handed down from father to son is that during the war of 1812, or more definitely, in the year or 1814, during the occupancy of the town by the British soldiers, the edifice was desecrated to the extent of being used as a slaughter house for the army commissary. Here the beehives were brought and slaughtered, and the house left reeking with the filth.

The history of the old church would make a large volume and would require great effort in its compilation. Many of the church records have been lost or destroyed and the complete history of the town is preserved only in traditions handed down from father to son. Many papers more or less complete have been written in the history of the church, which is practically a history of the town and county. Mr. Jacob Heffelfinger, a vestryman of the church who has been connected with it for many years and has devoted much time to collecting facts from its history, has promised to prepare a historical paper on the church for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, but has not yet found opportunity to perform this labor of love. Perhaps no man is more competent to prepare a complete history of the venerable edifice than he. Colonel Thomas Tabb and Captain William Westwood, whose ancestors for a century and a half have been vestrymen of the church, are also familiar with many facts and incidents in its history.

The parish register or record book, traces to some extent the history of the church from 1751 to the present day with intervals here and there due to the temporary abandonment of the edifice, or during periods when it was in ruins. From these records it appears that Rev. William Eyffe was rector of the church for twenty-five years from 1731 to his death in 1756. The vestry of the church when the records begin in 1751 was constituted as follows: Colonel John Tabb, Major Robert Armistead, Captain Westwood Armistead, Mr. William Parsons, Mr. Bald Sheppard, Mr. William Westwood, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Arthur Tucker, Mr. John Allan, Mr. Jacob

Walker, Mr. Thomas Latimer and Mr. William Wagner.

In January, 1756, Rev. Thomas Warrington was chosen rector. There was a tie vote between Rev. Mr. Warrington and Rev. William Selden, and the church was directed by the authorities at Williamsburg to receive Rev. Mr. Warrington as rector. In May, 1771, upon the demise of Rev. Mr. Warrington, his rival candidate for the rectorship fifteen years before, Rev. Mr. Selden, was unanimously chosen rector.

In 1783 he was succeeded by Rev. William Mixon. In 1806 Rev. Robert Seymour Symms became rector, serving until 1826 when Rev. Mark L. Cheever succeeded him. In 1843 Rev. Mr. Dalrymple and Rev. William Ufford having declined calls, Rev. John P. Bausman became rector. In 1847 Rev. William H. Good succeeded him, and in September, 1859, Rev. John C. McCabe became rector. From this point on the records are not clear, but persons now living are able to supply the list of rectors. For a time during and after the war the church was dismantled.

Rev. J. J. Gravatt was rector for thirty years, being succeeded by Rev. C. B. Bryan, the present rector on the 10th of the church is now kept open and is visited by thousands from all parts of the continent, among them many distinguished persons. A register or record of visitors is kept in which the autographs are preserved.

AT HAMPTON BAPTIST CHURCH. The music at the Baptist Sunday school and church was of an unusually high order on Christmas Day. Prof. Reinburg led the music in the Sunday school, with Miss Roberts at the organ and Miss Grace Cunningham at the piano. The orchestral accompaniment beautifully rendered. In the church Mr. Richter leading, with Miss Richter presiding at the organ, the sweet solo, Christmas Story, was beautifully told in music. Dr. Jones, of Richmond, preached the morning and evening services at the church.

THE PASS-ON SHAKE.

Mr. Gozzleby Makes a Few Scattering Observations Upon a Fresh Subject.

"There are various kinds of handshakes," said Mr. Gozzleby, according to the New York Sun, "among them the pass-on shake, which is used at receptions and one place and another where there's lots of people coming up all the time and where it wouldn't be possible for the man that the people had come to see to stop and take half a day with each person. So, if the man in front gives signs of being a stayer, the man receiving shakes hands with him heartily and says:

"Why, my dear sir, I am delighted to see you." He imparts to his hand at the same time, with what grace and skill and tact he can command, a slight sidewise motion, in the direction in which the line is moving. This is the pass-on shake.

"I got it once in church. Passing down the aisle after the service, I was met at the end by one of the officers, who shook me cordially by the hand and spoke most pleasantly, giving me, however, the pass-on handshake. I think I didn't quite expect it. I sort of imagine that I had always thought it the Christian's duty to put up with anything, bores and anybody else, always, and wait the other man's pleasure and be more than patient, be agreeable and polite besides. But I don't think that just now. I think now, for instance, that a man would have no more right to block up a passage in a church and make other folks uncomfortable there than he would have anywhere else; and when such a man does come along, why, it is perfectly proper to give him, in due time, with firm but gentle kindness, the pass-on shake."

A RED MAN'S DRINK. Red Ink is a Favorite Beverage Among the Indians of Indian Territory.

Vigilant as the deputy marshals are in Indian territory, and drastic as the application of the prohibition law by the courts may be, several kinds of intoxication safely defy all statutory provisions. Amazing quantities of Jamaica ginger are consumed in the territory. The stores handle ginger as a legitimate drug. A teaspoonful will cause choking and coughing for several minutes in a throat unaccustomed to swallowing the powerful stuff. But there are men in the territory who drink two or three bottles a day with apparent satisfaction to their educated stomachs. More Jamaica ginger is sold in the Indian territory than in half a dozen states where whisky selling is licensed.

Red ink is another favorite territory tipple. This is not a nickname for something else. The ordinary red ink which the bookstores of the states sell for writing purposes is a beverage in parts of this country. The ink drinker of cultivated tastes will buy bottles of the half dozen at a time and swallow the contents with relish. Essences which sell elsewhere for flavoring purposes are drinks under this civilization. Anything which has a basis of alcohol is in demand. Intoxication is craved and the stomach of the Indian territory drinker does not quarrel with the form in which it comes. Wood alcohol, accounted poison in most parts of the country, is consumed in considerable quantities. The peddlers buy it in Oklahoma, dilute it with water, and sell it by the pint on this side of the line.

England Crazy Over Croquet.

Croquet, the revival of which in England was announced not long ago, is said to be making alarming strides, and in places to threaten the sovereignty of golf. They have made a new game of it—three times as difficult and scientific as the old—and the craze is on.

Pinest assortment of Christmas and New Year Cards in Hampton at Highfield's.

de 16-127.

TAGAL INSURGENTS.

Said to Have Been in Possession of Kalibao Since December 11. (By Telegraph.)

MANILA, Dec. 27.—A steamer which has arrived here from Samar reports that the Tagal insurgents have been in possession of Kalibao since December 11th. Business there is said to be entirely suspended, and all the Spaniards of the vicinity have sought refuge in the house of a man named Scott, an American. The insurgents threaten to attack the refugees but refrained from doing so because it was reported that American soldiers were on their way there. One Spaniard, however, was shot and another was pluckily rescued by Scott, who rode fifteen miles and demanded the man's release in the face of an armed mob of Tagals. All the efforts of the Visayans to join them have been fruitless.

The selection of a new cabinet has been entrusted to a Filipino named Madi, a rampant irreconcilable of unknown antecedents and a bitter opponent of Aguinaldo, especially on the question of the Spanish prisoner.

It is reported that Aguinaldo refused to release the prisoners although the cabinet decided to accede to the request of General Otis for their release.

It is rumored that Aguinaldo has fled to an inaccessible region back of Cavite, with a few followers, fearing assassination. This report, however, is denied, but his sudden change of base, is not explained.

Gains Gets the Decision.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Joe Gans, of Baltimore, out-pointed Jack Daly, of Wilmington, Del., in a twenty-five-round bout at 135 pounds before the Lenox Athletic Club tonight and the referee decided in favor of the Baltimorean.

The referee's decision did not suit many of those who watched the contest, but the conservative judges agreed that the colored boy was entitled to a favorable verdict.

Gans forced Daly to do the leading and throughout the fight he countered hard. He was always on the alert for a chance to knock out his opponent, but the opportunity did not present itself. Gans was a top-heavy favorite in the betting.

Leave for Matanzas Today.

(By Telegraph.)

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—Brigadier General Sanger with headquarters of fifty men, the Second Brigade hospital, forty attendants and thirty-seven nurses and the Twelfth New York Regiment of Volunteers, 1,150 men arrived here from Columbus, Ga., tonight. General Sanger and the men who accompany him embark here tomorrow on the transport Manitoba for Matanzas, Cuba. The Manitoba arrived here this morning and the work of loading it has already begun. General Bates, his headquarters and the Sixth Ohio Regiment of Volunteers will arrive here tomorrow morning from Knoxville, Tenn. They will take the transport Minnewaska, now awaiting them here for Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Those Secret Documents.

(By Telegraph.)

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The premier, M. Dupuy, the minister of war, M. Dreyfus, and the president of the Court of Cassation, M. Loew, have finally agreed upon the conditions under which the secret documents in the Dreyfus case are to be submitted to the Court of Cassation. They are to be taken there by Captain Cuignet every morning if the court applies for them, and they are to be returned the same night.

"Ruth Ashmore" Dead.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. E. Sabel Mallon, best known by her noms de plume "Bab" and "Ruth Ashmore," died at her home in this city today.

SAFE SURE SPEEDY

MME. LE CLAIR'S FAMOUS FRENCH REMEDY Never Fails.

ENDORSED BY THOUSANDS. "It ladies as a periodic regulator without an equal, successful when Catarrh, Pityriasis, Erythema, Eczema, and other skin diseases, and when the most skeptical of their wonderful properties. Send a cent stamp for pamphlet containing valuable information for ladies. Address: LACLAIR PHARM. CO., U. S. Agents, Boston, Mass. N. B.—All correspondence confidential and returned with trial package.

For sale in Newport News by W. G. RICHMOND.

Manhood Restored.

DR. E. C. WEST'S NERVE AND BRAIN TREATMENT

THE ORIGINAL. ALL OTHERS IMITATIONS. Is sold under positive Written Guarantee. By authorized agents only to cure Weak Memory, Dizziness, Wakefulness, Fits, Erythema, Quickness, Night Losses, Evil Dreams, Lack of Confidence, Nervousness, Lassitude, all Drains, Youthful Errors, or Excessive Use of Tobacco, Opium, or Liquor, which leads to Misery, Consumption, Insanity and Death. At store or by mail, \$1 a box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. Sample package, containing five days' treatment, with full instructions, 25 cents. One sample only sold to each person. At store or by mail.

Red Label Special For Impotency, Loss of Power, Lost Manhood, Sterility or Barrenness. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

For Extra Strength. A box; six for \$5, with written guarantee. A cure or refund money. To cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.

Christmas Greetings

To All

THE FAMOUS

Extends the Compliments of the Season to the people of Hampton and the entire

Peninsula.

Below will be found a partial list of goods appropriate for

Holiday Gifts:

Gloves.....50 to \$1.50

Handkerchiefs.....5c to 50c

Ties.....10c to 50c

Silk Suspenders.....50c to \$1.50

Shirts of every description.....50c to \$1.50

Hats in every shape.....50c to \$3.00

An overcoat for husband, father or brother.....\$3.90, \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12, \$15

A suit for the boy--or a good heavy top coat.

We can offer numerous suggestion and promise to please you for less money than you expect to pay.

The Famous

LOUIS F. LIVERIGHT, Mgt.

30 W. Queen St., Hampton, Va.

LOOK FOR RED FRONT

Biggest Real Estate Deal

Ever made in Virginia is what we expect for the year 1899. For we have the best Properties, the best prices and the best terms on Tidewater.

Glaiborne Bros.,

REAL ESTATE AGENTS, King Street, HAMPTON, VA.

S. J. Brown & Co.,

Dealers in Land.

Office and Residence Opposite Poplar Avenue, Phoebus, Virginia.

NOTARY WITH SEAL.

Look Box 225 Hampton, Va.

On the Back River Road to the Right 250 feet from the C. & O. Railroad tracks, signs 11 around it, we have 100 Lots or more graded, laid out in streets, 300 trees planted; look at it. We call it

"Heinickel"

If you want an honest bargain in lots, to speculate, or build, see Mr. Heinickel, the Baker of Phoebus, or come to me. Either of us will put you on the ground floor, as to prices. There can be no "handicaps" or "back caps" about this. We will sell the few lots at cost, and give you your own terms. This property is owned by A. Heinickel and the undersigned.

S. J. BROWN & CO.

PHONE 453 PHOEBUS, VA.

LOCK BOX 225.

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

MADE ME A MAN

AJAX TABLETS POSITIVELY CURE ALL Nervous Diseases--Falling Memory, Impotency, Sleeplessness, etc., caused by Abuse or other Excesses and Indiscretions. They quickly and surely restore Lost Vitality in old or young, and fit a man for study, business or marriage. Sent and effects FREE where all other fail. I have cured thousands and will cure you. We give a positive written guarantee to effect a cure. In each case or refund the money. Price 50 CENTS. By mail, in plain wrapper, with receipt of price, Circulars, 10 CENTS. Address: AJAX REMEDY CO., 19 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

For sale in Newport News, Va., by A. E. O. KLOR, Druggist.

apr 18-17

NEWPORT NEWS ADVS.

VISIT MUGLER'S FOR

Christmas Presents.

WE HAVE A GRAND DISPLAY OF Neckwear, Umbrellas, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs.

A FULL LINE OF FANCY SLIPPERS.

THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF Patent Leather and Tan Shoes We Ever Handled.

NEW STYLE HATS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

MUGLER SHOE AND HAT CO., 2704 WASHINGTON AVENUE. FREE SHINES TO CUSTOMERS.

will never burn anything but our high grade coal. It is not only satisfactory for cooking and heating purposes, but its intense heat and long continued combustion makes it economical in the household.

C. C. SMITH CO.

Mugler's Cafe

and Family Liquor Store ESTABLISHED IN 1888.

Is the place for you to buy your Wines and Liquors for Cooking and Medicinal purposes.

These are the Rules of the Cafe and Saloon Inside:

No loud talking or singing, discussing of politics, nationality or religion. All who cannot comply with these rules are requested to spend their time and money elsewhere.

All orders by mail will receive prompt attention.

P. J. MUGLER

No. 2312 WASHINGTON AVENUE, P. O. Box 10, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

J. W. DAVIS,

BRICK CONTRACTOR

Room 7, Citizens and Marine Bank Building.

Bell 'phone, 293. de 17-1yr

Night Class--

Stenography

Mrs. Kyle will instruct a night class in Stenography at her rooms, No. 2062 Washington avenue. Terms reasonable. dec 8-1w.

H. B. Laskey,

GENERAL AUCTIONEER

SALE ROOM 3107 WASHINGTON AVENUE

Consignments of every description solicited. Liberal advances made on same. Special attention given to trustee and court sales.

Va. Transportation Co.

W. R. SCULL, Manager.

Storage Warehouse

Freight, Baggage, Safes and Furniture carefully and promptly moved. All kinds of hauling done at low rates.

'Phone 2592. P. O. BOX 141.

E. W. JOHNSON

CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Plans and Specifications Prepared on Short Notice.

HOUSE WORK A SPECIALTY

O. D. BATCHELOR,

Attorney-at-Law.

Office Citizens and Marine Bank building. Bell 'phone 123. Refers to J. Taylor Ellison, Richmond, Va.; W. A. and McD. L. Wrenn, Norfolk, Va., and George A. Schmelz, banker, Newport News, Va.

no 26-6m.

NEWPORT NEWS ADVS.

Little Girls

I will give the big \$8 dressed doll in my window on Xmas morning to the little girl who secures the greatest number of signatures from grown people inside of city by December 24th. Go to work and secure the doll. Get you a book and ask everybody you see to write their name and address in it.

W. G. Burgess

When in Newport News try Jordan's plan of living.

THE HOTEL IMPERIAL

JORDAN L. LANDER,

Washington Avenue. Corner 25th St. Gives the service the travelers desire.</